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NOTE VERBALE DATED 6 MAY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 3 and 5 May 1993, there appear to have been three flights of fixed- or rotary-wing in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of these flights are annexed to the present note verbale.

ANNEX I

INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

(3 -5 May 1993)

SR L	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
				[2 May: no violations reported]	
542	3 May	07.36	07.36	UNMOs in the South of Bosnia and Herzegovina reported a Gazelle helicopter landing in a Bosnian Serb Corps Headquarters in the town of Bileca. The UNMOs were unable to report any further information as they were operating under severe restriction of movement.	Not applicable
				[4 May: no violations reported]	
543	5 May	11.00	11.00	UNMOs in the South of Bosnia and Herzegovina reported hearing a helicopter taking off from the Bosnian Serbs' Corps Headquarters in the town of Bileca. The UNMOs were unable to see and report any further information as they were operating under severe restriction of movement. It is assessed that the helicopter was the Gazelle which landed on 3 May (refer to Serial 542).	Not applicable
544	5 May	16.13	16.18	AWACS reported a track which entered the No Fly Zone 4 nautical miles North of Dubrovnik airport. The track maintained a Northeasterly heading until it left the No Fly Zone 10 nautical miles Southeast of the town of Bileca. A NATO fighter aircraft was directed by AWACS onto the track and made radar contact. The fighter aircraft was unable to visually intercept and identify the probable violator before it left the No Fly Zone. The track faded from AWACS' and the flight of fighters' radars inside Montenegro's airspace. The probable violator entered the No Fly Zone from the airspace of the Republic of Croatia, flew over an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs then left the No Fly Zone into the airspace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).	040 degrees 5,000 feet 117 knots